

Sugiura, Misa | ***It's Not Like it's a Secret*** | HarperTeen, 2017 | When her family moves to California, 16 year old Sana Kiyohara falls for the beautiful and smart Jamie Ramirez but struggles with differences between their diverse friend groups, a boy's sweet but unrequited affection, and her father's increasingly obvious affair. 🍌🍌

Taylor, Laini | ***Strange the Dreamer*** | Little, Brown and Company, 2017 | In the aftermath of a war between gods and men, a hero, a librarian, and a girl must battle the fantastical elements of a mysterious city stripped of its name. 🍌

Tingle, Tim | ***How I Became A Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story*** | RoadRunner Press | A Choctaw boy tells the story of his tribe's removal from the only land its people had ever known, and how their journey to Oklahoma led him to become a ghost--one with the ability to help those he left behind. 🍌🍌

Wiesel, Ellie | ***Night*** | Hill and Wang, 1972 | A memoir about a man's experience with his father in the Nazi German concentration camps, at the height of the Holocaust and toward the end of the Second World War. Wiesel writes about the death of God and his own increasing disgust with humanity. 🍌🍌🍌

Yang, Gene Luen | ***Shadow Hero*** | First Second Books, 2017 | In the comics boom of the 1940s, a legend was born: the Green Turtle. He solved crimes and fought injustice just like the other comics characters. But this mysterious masked crusader was hiding something more than your run-of-the-mill secret identity: the Green Turtle was the first Asian American super hero.

Colbert, Brandy | ***Little & Lion*** | Little Brown, 2017 | Suzette returns home to Los Angeles from boarding school and grapples with her bisexual identity when she and her brother Lionel fall in love with the same girl, pushing Lionel's bipolar disorder to spin out of control and forcing Suzette to confront her own demons. 🍌🍌🍌

Yousafzai, Malala | ***I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban*** | Little, Brown and Company, 2015 | When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. At 15, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. 🍌🍌

Adapted by Ari Folman | ***Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Novel*** | Pantheon Books, 2018 | This adaptation of Anne Frank's Diary of a Young Girl into a graphic version for a young readership, maintains the integrity and power of the original. With stunning illustrations and direct quotation from the diary, this edition will expand the readership for this important work of history and literature. 🍌🍌

Aronson, Marc & Marina Budhos | ***Eyes of the World: Robert Capa, Gerda Taro, and the Invention of Modern Photojournalism*** | Henry Holt and Company, 2017 | Robert Capa and Gerda Taro were young Jewish refugees. As photographers, they set off to capture the fight against Fascism. Capa and Taro took powerful photographs of the Spanish Civil War that went straight from the devastation to news magazines. Packed with dramatic photos, posters, and maps, this book captures the fascinating story of how photojournalism began. 🍌🍌

Zoboi, Ibi | ***American Street*** | Balzer & Bray, 2017 | Fabiola Toussaint thought she would finally find une belle vie—a good life. But after they leave Haiti, Fabiola's mother is detained by U.S. immigration, leaving Fabiola to navigate her loud American cousins; the grittiness of Detroit's west side; a new school; and a surprising romance, all on her own. 🍌🍌

Let's Read!

Summer reading is necessary for students to continue using good literacy practice beyond school. It's also a great way to spend time together! Many of the titles on the list are available to borrow for free at the Free Library of Philadelphia. Check the website at www.freelibrary.org for locations, book title availability, and other great summer programs for students.



Summer Reading

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Some books may contain graphic content in the form of themes, language, violence, and/or explicit sexual content:

🍌 Mild
🍌🍌 Moderate
🍌🍌🍌 High

Alvarez, Julia | ***How The Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*** | Algonquin, 1991 | The Garcia sisters and their family must flee their home in the Dominican Republic after their father's role in an attempt to overthrow a tyrannical dictator is discovered. In the U.S.A., their parents try to hold on to their old ways, but the girls try to find new lives. This book sets the sisters free to tell their most intimate stories about their life in America. 🍌

Anderson, Carol | ***We Are Not Yet Equal*** | Bloomsbury, 2018 | When America makes progress toward racial equality, the systemic response is a backlash that rolls back those wins. This edition adapted from the author's *White Rage* especially for teens illuminates these dark moments of history. 🍌🍌

Anderson, Laurie Halse | ***Speak; The Graphic Novel*** | Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, 2018 | From the first moment of 9th grade, Melinda knows this is a lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is an outcast because she busted a party by calling the cops – no one will talk to her or listen to her. Through her work on an art project, she is finally able to face what really happened that night: She was raped by an upperclassman who is still a student at her school. 🍌🍌🍌

Bacigalupi, Paula | **Ship Breaker** | Little, Brown and Company, 2010 | In America's Gulf Coast region, where grounded oil tankers are being broken down for parts, Nailer, a teenager, works the light crew, scavenging for copper wiring just to make quota. But when he discovers an exquisite clipper ship beached during a recent hurricane, Nailer faces an important decision: Strip the ship for all it's worth or rescue its lone survivor. 🌟

Bardugo, Leigh | **Six of Crows** | Henry Holt and Company, 2015 | Six dangerous outcasts: One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction—if they don't kill each other first. 🌟 🌟

Beals, Melba Pattillo | **March Forward, Girl: From Young Warrior to Little Rock Nine** | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018 | A timely new memoir about growing up in the segregated South. Civil rights heroine Melba Pattillo Beals puts readers right in her saddle oxford as she struggles to understand—and fight back against—the laws that told her she was less just because of the color of her skin. 🌟 🌟

Brown, Don | **The Unwanted** | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018 | Starting in 2011, refugees flood out of war-torn Syria in Exodus-like proportions. The surprising flood of victims overwhelms neighboring countries, and chaos follows. Don Brown depicts moments of both heartbreaking horror and hope in the ongoing Syrian refugee crisis. 🌟 🌟 🌟

Budhos, Marina | **Watched** | Wendy Lamb Books, 2016 | Budhos's novel examines what it's like to grow up under surveillance. Naeem is far from the "model teen." Moving fast in his immigrant neighborhood in Queens is the only way he can outrun the eyes of his hardworking Bangladeshi parents and their gossipy neighbors. They're not the only ones watching. Cameras on poles. Mosques infiltrated. Be careful what you say and who you say it to. Naeem thinks he can charm his way through anything, until his mistakes catch up with him and the cops offer a dark deal. 🌟

Davis, Kenneth C | **In The Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives** | Henry Holt and Co, 2016 | Through the powerful stories of five enslaved people who were "owned" by four of our greatest presidents, this book helps set the record straight about the role slavery played in the founding of America. These dramatic narratives explore our country's great tragedy—that a nation "conceived in liberty" was also born in shackles. 🌟 🌟

de la Pena, Matt | **The Living** | Delacorte Press, 2013 | After an earthquake destroys California and a tsunami wrecks the luxury cruise ship where he is a summer employee, high schooler Shy confronts another deadly surprise. 🌟 🌟 🌟

Doctorow, Cory | **Little Brother** | Tor, 2008 | A tale about tech-savvy teenagers as they rebel against a Department of Homeland Security crackdown following a terrorist attack on San Francisco. 🌟 🌟

Flores-Scott, Patrick | **All American Road Trip** | Henry Holt and Company, 2018 | Brothers Teodoro and Manny Avila take a road trip to address Manny's PTSD following his tour in Iraq, and to help T. change his life and win the heart of Wendy Martinez. Includes information and resources about PTSD. 🌟 🌟 🌟

Harewood, Fiona | **I Did It... You Can, Too!** | Hope Publishers, 2019 | This book captures a woman's journey returning to school at age 44 and provides an opportunity for students to learn from the experience of a real person.

Hoose, Phillip | **Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice** | Square Fish/Farrar Straus Giroux, 2011 | Presents the life of the Alabama teenager who played an integral role in the Montgomery bus strike, once by refusing to give up a bus seat, and again, by becoming a plaintiff in the landmark civil rights case against the bus company. 🌟 🌟 🌟



Mafi, Tahereh | **A Very Large Expanse of Sea** | Harper Collins, 2018 | A year after 9/11, Muslim teenager Shirin has completely withdrawn from social life, until she meets Ocean James in her biology class and is tempted to actually let her guard down. 🌟 🌟 🌟

Kuklin, Susan | **Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out** | Candlewick Press, 2014 | A groundbreaking work of LGBT literature takes an honest look at the life, love, and struggles of transgender teens. 🌟 🌟 🌟

Medina, Meg | **Yaqi Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass** | Candlewick, 2013 | One morning before

school, some girl tells Piddy Sanchez that Yaqi Delgado hates her and wants to kick her ass. Piddy doesn't even know who Yaqi is, never mind what she's done to piss her off. Word is that Yaqi thinks Piddy is stuck-up, shakes her stuff when she walks, and isn't Latin enough with her white skin, good grades, and no accent. And Yaqi isn't kidding around, so Piddy better watch her back. 🌟 🌟 🌟

Meyer, Melissa | **Cinder** | Square Fish, 2013 | Humans and androids crowd the raucous streets of New Beijing. A deadly plague ravages the population. From space, a ruthless lunar people watch, waiting to make their move. No one knows that Earth's fate hinges on one girl, Cinder, a gifted mechanic, and a cyborg. 🌟

Nelson, Jandy | **I'll Give You The Sun** | Dial Books for Young Readers, 2014 | A story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time, and in separate voices, by artists Jude and her twin brother Noah. 🌟

Roach, Mary | **Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void** | WW Norton, 2010 | In a fun style, Roach describes the nitty-gritty of how we got into space. She includes hysterical anecdotes and comments from past astronauts and cosmonauts regarding the daily details they experienced. 🌟